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For : BAND SAW MACHINE, SAW BLADE INSTALLATION METHOD  
IN BAND SAW MACHINE, SAW BLADE DRIVING METHOD, AND  
CUTTING METHOD

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 5,062,335. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the present application:

U.S. Patent No. 3,182,538. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the present application:

U.S. Patent No. 2,898,669. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 2 of the present application:

U.S. Patent No. 2,725,702

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-104915, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 63-039718, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-042210, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 45-31116;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 57-127621, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 46-1489;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-179535, together with an English language abstract of the same;

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 967 041, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002-0073818;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 1-301014, which corresponds to Japanese Patent No. 2725782, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that Japanese Patent No. 2725782 is cited on page 4 of the present application; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-50015.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. The Examiner is invited to review the file of the above-noted published patent application and references (if any) cited therein. However, if

any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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